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TITLE OF PROJECT: Nutritional Requirements of Mammalian Viruses.

Objectives: 1) To synthesize substituted amino acids, thyroxine-like substances, thiosemicarbazones and other materials which may influence viral growth. 2) To determine the effect of these and other materials on multiplication of mammalian viruses.

Summary of results:

a) Since start of project: 1) Synthesis of 33 compounds, including analogues of amino acids, thyroxine-like materials, thiosemicarbazones and rhodanines. 2) In vitro experiments with viruses: i) Fluorophenylalanine and thienylalanine inhibit multiplication of vaccinia virus in chick embryonic tissues and the inhibition is counteracted by phenylalanine. ii) 2,6-Diaminopurine inhibits multiplication of vaccinia virus in chick embryonic tissues and the inhibition is overcome by adenine and adenine-containing compounds. iii) 5-(2'4'-Dichlorophenoxy)-4-hydroxy-2-mercaptopyrimidine and related compounds are weak inhibitors of vaccinia virus in chick embryonic tissues. iv) Thiosemicarbazones vary in their capacity to inhibit growth of vaccinia virus in chick or mouse embryonic tissues. 3) In vivo experiments with viruses: i) Mice inoculated intracerebrally with vaccinia (IPD strain) or variola (Williamsport strain) viruses are not protected by treatment with fluorophenylalanine, thienylalanine or 2,6-diaminopurine. ii) The resistance of mice to these viruses is increased by treatment with 5-(2'4'-dichlorophenoxy)-4-hydroxy-2-mercaptopyrimidine or certain thiosemicarbazones. iii) Most thiosemicarbazones which protect mice against variola-vaccinia viruses inhibit growth of vaccinia virus in vitro. The pyruvic acid derivative is highly active in vitro but inactive in animals; cinchoninaldehyde thiosemicarbazone is weakly active in the test tube but quite effective in mice. iv) Death of mice inoculated intracerebrally with Lansing poliomyelitis virus often is delayed by treatment with certain thiosemicarbazones, thiouracils or thyroxine analogues.

b) During current period: 1) Chemical syntheses: Preparation of 24 compounds, including thiosemicarbazones and thiohydantoins. The compounds are listed in the appendix. 2) Biological: i) Effect of dosage, time and route of administration of thiosemicarbazones on protection of mice against variola-vaccinia viruses: Data are presented in tabular form in the appendix. Isatin thiosemicarbazone, administered intraperitoneally, was found to protect mice inoculated intracerebrally with a recently isolated variola virus (Williamsport strain). A single dose of 5-10 mg. is most effective when given 24-48 hours after initiation of infection.

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Three doses of 2.5 mg., each, administered within 48 hours after inoculation of virus protects the majority of mice and is equivalent or superior to the feeding of 0.04% of the compound in the diet. Three doses of 1 mg., each, reduces the fatality rate. 2-Methoxybenzaldehyde, 5-nitro-2-thenaldehyde, cinchoninaldehyde and isonicotinic acid thiosemicarbazones also are effective when administered by the peritoneal route. Other compounds have not been tested are too toxic by this route, or are inactive when administered intraperitoneally.

ii) Effect of thiosemicarbazones on multiplication of variola virus in the brain of the mouse. Mice were inoculated intracerebrally with variola virus (Williamsport strain) and treated by intraperitoneal injection of isatin thiosemicarbazone for 48 hours immediately after inoculation of virus. Treated and untreated mice were sacrificed each day and the viral content of the brains determined by intradermal titration in rabbits. Data from 4 experiments are presented graphically in the appendix. No significant differences in the concentration of virus in the brains of treated and untreated mice was detected. Similar results were obtained from experiments in which benzaldehyde or 5-bromo 2-thenaldehyde thiosemicarbazones were fed in the diet. 5-(2'4'-Dichlorophenoxy)-4-hydroxy-2-mercaptopyrimidine may reduce viral multiplication. iii) Semliki Forest virus: This neurotropic virus (Smithburn & Haddow, 1944) was introduced into the study because it produces fatal infection of mice following intraperitoneal injection. Mice inoculated in this manner and fed test materials in the diet were found to react as follows: 1) Ethionine, an analogue of the amino acid methionine, when fed in a strength of 0.15%, resulted in the survival of 41 of 70 mice (60%) as compared to 17 of 99 (17%) untreated animals. 2) 5-(2'4'-Dichlorophenoxy)-4-hydroxy-2-mercaptopyrimidine (0.75%) treatment resulted in the survival of 14 of 32 mice (44%) as compared to 5 of 47 (11%) untreated animals. 3) Thiosemicarbazones (6), semicarbazones (2), purines (10), other pyrimidines (8), analogues of other amino acids and of growth factors either failed to protect mice or possibly decreased resistance. iv) Poliomyelitis virus: No additional experiments.

Plans for Future:

Immediate: 1) To study the effect of treatment with thiosemicarbazones or 5-phenoxy thiouracils on the response of tissues of mice and chick embryos to variola-vaccinia viruses. 2) To determine the effect of prolonged propagation of variola-vaccinia viruses in mice treated with thiosemicarbazones or 5-phenoxy thiouracils. 3) Investigation of the effect of methionine analogues, 5-phenoxy thiouracils and other substances on Semliki Forest virus infection in mice. 4) Determination of the effect of these materials on infections of mice due to other neurotropic viruses.

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS:

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Results obtained during current report period:

1. Chemical syntheses: Since the last report, the following compounds have been prepared and submitted for testing:

- ONR 36 5-methyl-2-thenaldehyde thiosemicarbazone
- ONR 37 5-nitroisatin thiosemicarbazone
- ONR 38 5-bromoisatin thiosemicarbazone
- ONR 39 2-thenaldehyde semicarbazone
- ONR 40 3-methyl-2-thenaldehyde thiosemicarbazone
- ONR 41 9-anthraldehyde thiosemicarbazone
- ONR 42 5-(beta-ethylmercaptoethyl)-2-thiohydantoin
- ONR 43 5-acetamido-2-thenaldehyde thiosemicarbazone
- ONR 44 p-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde thiosemicarbazone
- ONR 45 isonicotinaldehyde thiosemicarbazone
- ONR 46 1-acetyl-5-(p-chlorobenzoyl)-2-thiohydantoin
- ONR 47 1-acetyl-5-(p-bromobenzyl)-2-thiohydantoin
- ONR 48 1-acetyl-5-(3-thenyl)-2-thiohydantoin
- ONR 49 1-acetyl-5-methyl-2-thiohydantoin
- ONR 50 1-acetyl-5-(beta-methylmercaptoethyl)-2-thiohydantoin
- ONR 51 1-acetyl-5-(beta-ethylmercaptoethyl)-2-thiohydantoin
- ONR 52 5,5-diphenylpseudothiohydantoin
- ONR 53 5-phenylpseudothiohydantoin.HCl
- ONR 54 5-benzylpseudothiohydantoin
- ONR 55 5-(p-hydroxybenzyl)-2-thiohydantoin
- ONR 56 1-acetyl-5-methyl-5-phenyl-2-thiohydantoin
- ONR 57 1-acetyl-5-benzyl-2-thiohydantoin
- ONR 58 5-benzyl-2-thiohydantoin
- ONR 59 5-t-butyl-2-thenaldehyde thiosemicarbazone.

Table I

Effect of thiosemicarbazones and related compounds on vaccinia infection in the mouse

Source* No.	Compound	Conc. in diet(%)***	Proportion of mice surviving in dilution of****						Excess survival in treated groups	
			Treated groups			Untreated groups				
			10 ⁻²	10 ⁻³	10 ⁻⁴	10 ⁻²	10 ⁻³	10 ⁻⁴		
ENC	1	thiosemicarbazide	0.04	0/6	0/6	2/6	0/6	1/6	1/5	0
WRL	2	pyruvic acid T.S.****.1		0/6	0/6	3/6	0/6	1/6	2/6	0
"	3	cyclohexanone T.S.	0.06	0/6	0/6	0/6	0/5	1/6	3/6	-4
"	4	benzaldehyde T.S.	0.04	4/6	2/6	5/5	0/5	1/6	1/5	9
			0.08	5/5	2/5	3/5	0/5	1/6	1/5	8
"	5	benzaldehyde semi-carbazone	0.1	0/8	0/6	0/6	0/6	0/6	0/6	0
CBC	6	p-acetamidobenzaldehyde T.S.	0.16	2/6	4/6	5/6	0/6	1/6	4/6	6
WRL	7	p-nitrobenzaldehyde T.S.	0.04	6/14	8/11	10/12	1/11	2/12	4/12	8***
"	8	m-nitrobenzaldehyde T.S.	0.04	0/6	3/6	1/6	0/6	0/6	1/6	3
"	9	o-methoxybenzaldehyde T.S.	0.06	9/12	9/12	11/12	0/12	0/12	7/12	11/10****
"	10	p-phenylbenzaldehyde T.S.	0.06	0/6	0/6	0/4	0/5	1/6	3/6	-4
"	11	acetophenone T.S.	0.04	0/5	0/6	2/6	0/5	0/6	0/6	2
"	12	propiophenone T.S.	0.04	0/5	1/6	2/6	0/6	1/6	0/6	2
"	13	ethylphenylglyoxalate T.S.	0.15	1/7	3/6	1/6	0/8	0/6	2/6	3
"	14	desoxybenzoin T.S.	0.04	0/6	0/6	0/6	0/6	0/6	0/6	0
"	15	phenylacetaldehyde T.S.	0.04	1/6	3/6	4/6	1/6	2/6	3/6	2
"	16	cinnamaldehyde T.S.	0.04	0/6	0/4	0/6	0/6	1/6	1/6	-2
HR	17	picolinaldehyde T.S.	.03	0/6	1/6	0/4	0/5	1/6	3/6	-3
CBC	18	nicotinaldehyde T.S.	.06	1/8	1/4	1/6	0/5	0/6	0/3	3
			0.12	3/6	4/6	3/6	0/6	2/6	1/6	7
HR	19		0.08	3/6	5/6	5/6	2/6	1/6	5/6	5
"	20	isonicotinaldehyde T.S.	0.08	6/6	6/6	5/6	2/6	1/6	5/6	9
			0.08	-	5/6	5/6	-	1/6	4/6	5
WRL	21	cinchoninaldehyde T.S.	0.02	2/6	2/6	1/6	0/6	1/6	1/6	3
			0.04	15/18	11/17	14/18	1/18	3/18	2/18	11****
			0.08	5/6	5/6	2/6	0/6	1/6	1/6	10
			0.12	2/6	6/6	2/6	0/6	1/6	1/6	8
"	22	cinchoninaldehyde semicarbazone	0.04	0/5	1/6	1/5	0/6	0/6	1/6	1
			0.15	0/8	0/6	0/6	0/5	0/6	0/3	0

"	23	isatin T.S.	0.08	4/6	4/6	5/6	0/6	1/6	2/6	10
			0.12	6/6	4/6	5/5	0/6	2/6	1/6	12
			0.16	6/6	4/6	6/6	0/6	1/6	4/6	11
"	24	isatin semicarbazone	0.1	-	1/11	-	-	1/6	-	0
"	25	5-methyl isatin T.S.	0.1	0/6	0/6	0/6	1/5	2/6	1/6	-4
IU	26	5-nitro isatin T.S.	0.1	1/6	3/6	3/6	0/5	1/6	3/6	3
"	27	5-bromo isatin T.S.	0.1	1/6	4/5	5/6	0/5	1/6	3/6	6
WRL	28	indole-3-aldehyde T.S.	0.06	2/8	1/5	1/6	1/7	1/6	3/6	-1
IU	29	2-furfural T.S.	0.1	1/8	1/6	0/6	0/8	0/6	2/6	0
WRL	30	fluorenone T.S.	0.06	1/6	2/6	5/6	0/6	0/6	1/6	7
IU	31	2-thenaldehyde T.S.	0.02	4/6	2/5	3/5	0/6	0/6	4/6	5
			0.04	1/5	5/6	3/6	0/6	0/6	4/6	5
			0.06	5/5	3/5	5/6	1/6	1/6	1/6	10
			0.08	6/11	7/12	7/12	0/12	0/12	0/12	10
			0.1	2/6	4/6	6/6	0/6	0/6	4/6	8
"	32	2-thenaldehyde semi-carbazone	0.12	0/6	0/6	1/6	0/5	1/6	1/6	-1
"	33	5-chloro-2-thenaldehyde T.S.	0.04	0/6	4/6	5/6	0/6	2/6	3/6	4
			0.06	5/7	4/5	2/6	0/8	1/6	0/6	10
			0.08	5/6	6/6	6/6	0/6	1/6	4/6	12
"	34	5-bromo-2-thenaldehyde T.S.	0.02	6/6	4/6	4/6	0/6	1/6	4/6	9
			0.06	7/13	10/12	8/11	0/11	0/12	1/9	12*****
			0.1	6/6	5/5	6/6	0/6	2/6	1/6	14
"	35	5-nitro-2-thenaldehyde T.S.	0.08	2/6	2/6	6/6	0/6	2/6	3/6	5
"	36	5-methyl-2-thenaldehyde T.S.	0.06	0/6	2/5	1/6	0/6	0/6	1/6	2
"	37	3-methyl-2-thenaldehyde T.S.	0.08	3/6	3/6	5/6	0/5	1/6	1/6	9
"	38	3-thenaldehyde T.S.	0.04	5/24	6/24	12/24	4/23	2/23	7/23	2*****
			0.1	4/6	0/5	1/6	1/7	1/6	3/6	0
"	39	2-bromo-3-thenaldehyde T.S.	0.06	4/12	7/12	6/11	1/12	3/12	2/12	5*****
"	40	2-chloro-3-thenaldehyde T.S.	0.06	3/13	1/12	6/12	1/12	1/12	1/9	3*****
"	41	2,5-dichloro-3-thenaldehyde T.S.	0.1	0/6	0/5	3/6	0/6	1/6	3/6	-1

* Source of materials: EKC-Eastman Kodak Co.; WRL-Dr. G. H. Hitchings, Wellcome Research Laboratories; IU-Dr. E. Campaigne, Indiana University; HR-Dr. J. A. Aeschlimann, Hoffmann-La Roche, Inc.; CBC-Chemical-Biological Coordination Center National Research Council.

** Mice were placed on casein-sucrose diet containing concentration of test material listed for 1-2 days before inoculation of virus and the treatment was continued for 9-13 days. Untreated mice were fed the same basal diet.

*** Virus inoculated intracerebrally.

**** T.S. denotes thiosemicarbazone.

***** Composite of 2 or more experiments; average number of excess survivors per experiment is listed.

TABLE II

Effect of thiosemicarbazones and related compounds on Williamsport virus infection in the mouse.

Source# No.	Compound	Dose	Treatment** Route	Duration (days)	Proportion of mice surviving at dilution***				Excess Survivors in treated groups
					Treated groups	Untreated groups	10 ⁻⁴	10 ⁻⁵	
WRL	1 benzaldehyde T.S.***	0.06	In diet	-3 to 10	5/8	1/6	0/7	0/6	8
"	2 benzaldehyde semi-carbazone	0.1	"	-1 to 10	0/6	0/6	0/6	0/5	0
"	3 p-nitro benzaldehyde T.S.	0.04	"	-3 to 10	2/6	2/6	0/7	0/6	9
"	4 o-methoxy benzaldehyde T.S.	0.06	"	-1 to 10	0/6	2/6	0/6	0/5	6
		5 mg	I.P.	0,1,2	0/6	0/6	1/6	0/6	1
MC	5 p-isobutoxy benzaldehyde T.S.	5 mg	"	0,1,2	0/3	0/6	1/6	0/6	-2
CBC	6 p-acetamido benzaldehyde T.S.	5 mg	"	0,1,2	2/6	1/5	1/6	0/6	1
10	7 2-thienaldehyde T.S.	0.06	In diet	-3 to 10	5/7	6/6	0/7	0/6	17
		0.06	"	-2 to 11	3/6	5/6	0/6	1/6	11
		0.06	"	0 to 11	1/6	4/6	0/6	1/6	6
		0.06	"	2 to 11	0/5	2/5	0/6	1/5	5
		0.02	"	-2 to 10	2/5	4/6	2/6	0/6	7
		0.06	"	-2 to 10	5/6	5/6	2/6	0/6	12
		0.08	"	-2 to 10	1/4	5/6	2/6	0/6	7
		0.12	"	-2 to 10	2/6	6/6	2/6	0/6	10

"	8	2-thenaldehyde semicarbazone	0.12	"	"	-1 to 10	0/6	0/6	1/6	0/6	0/5	1/6	0
"	9	5-chloro-2-thenaldehyde T.S.	0.06	"	"	-3 to 10	4/7	4/6	5/6	0/7	0/6	0/6	13
"	10	5 bromo-2-thenaldehyde T.S.	0.1	"	"	-2 to 10	6/6	4/6	5/5	0/6	1/6	1/6	13
			0.1	"	"	-2 to 2	6/6	5/6	1/6	0/6	1/6	1/6	10
			0.1	"	"	0 to 4	2/6	6/6	2/6	0/6	1/6	1/6	8
			0.1	"	"	2 to 6	3/6	5/6	5/6	0/6	1/6	1/6	11
"	11	5-nitro-2-thenaldehyde T.S.	0.1	"	"	0 to 10	2/6	4/6	5/6	0/6	2/6	0/6	9
			5 mg	I.P.	1,2	2/6	2/6	3/5	6/6	2/6	0/6	2/6	7
"	12	2-acetamido-2-thenaldehyde T.S.	0.06	In diet	-1 to 10	1/6	1/6	0/6	2/6	1/6	0/6	1/6	1
"	13	5-methyl-2-thenaldehyde T.S.	0.1	"	-1 to 10	2/6	2/6	3/6	2/6	0/6	0/5	1/6	6
"	14	3-methyl-2-thenaldehyde T.S.	0.1	"	-1 to 10	4/6	4/6	5/6	6/6	1/6	0/6	1/6	13
WRL	15	cinchoninaldehyde T.S.	4 mg	I.P.	-2 to 8	3/6	3/6	6/6	5/6	0/6	1/6	1/6	12
"	16	cinchoninaldehyde semicarbazone	0.1	In diet	-2 to 10	5/6	5/6	4/6	3/6	2/6	0/6	2/6	8
"	17	isatin T.S.	0.02	"	-1 to 8	2/6	2/6	1/6	3/6	0/5	0/6	1/6	5
			0.04	"	-1 to 8	2/6	2/6	5/6	4/6	0/5	0/6	1/6	10
			0.08	"	-1 to 8	3/6	3/6	4/6	3/5	0/5	0/6	1/6	9
			0.12	"	-1 to 8	3/6	3/6	5/6	4/6	0/5	0/6	1/6	11
			10 mg	I.P.	1	2/6	2/6	6/6	5/6	1/6	0/6	0/6	12
			10 mg	"	2	4/6	4/6	4/6	5/6	1/6	0/6	0/6	14
			10 mg	"	3	3/6	3/6	1/6	3/6	1/6	0/6	0/6	6
			5 mg	"	1,2	4/6	4/6	6/6	5/6	0/6	0/6	1/5	14
			5 mg	"	2	0/4	0/4	3/6	4/6	0/6	0/6	1/5	6
			5 mg	"	3,4	0/6	0/6	1/6	5/6	0/6	0/6	1/5	5
			5 mg	"	0,1,2	6/6	6/6	6/6	5/6	0/5	0/6	1/6	16
			2.5 mg	"	0,1,2	6/6	6/6	6/6	4/5	0/5	0/6	1/6	15
			1 mg	"	0,1,2	6/6	6/6	3/6	3/6	0/5	0/6	1/6	11

IU	18	5-nitro isatin T.S.	5 mg	"	0,1,2	1/6	0/6	0/6	0/6	0/6	1
"	19	5-bromo isatin T.S.	5 mg	"	0,1,2	0/6	0/6	1/6	0/6	0/6	1
WRL	20	5-methyl isatin T.S.	0.1	In diet	-1 to 10	0/6	2/6	1/6	0/6	0/5	2
"	21	fluorenone T.S.	0.06	"	0 to 7	1/11			0/6		
"	22	dichlorophenoxy thiouracil	0.75 20 mg	" I.P.	-1 to 10 1,2	2/6 2/6	2/6 4/5	3/6 1/3	0/6 2/6	0/5 0/6	6 3
"	23	2-mercapto-4- hydroxy-5-(p- chlorophenyl)-2- mercapto-pyrimidine	20 mg	"	1,2	0/5	1/5	2/6	2/6	0/6	-1
"	24	p-methoxy- ω -chloro- acetanilide	10 mg	"	1	0/6	1/4	0/5	0/6	2/6	-1
"	25	2,6-diamino-8- p-chlorophenyl purine	10 mg	"	1	0/6	0/5	0/6	0/6	2/6	-2
R	26	isonicotinic acid	1.5	In diet	0 to 9	0/6	0/6	0/6	0/6	0/6	0
WRL	27	isonicotinic acid hydrazide	0.1	"	0 to 9	0/6	0/6	0/6	0/6	0/6	0
"	28	isatin-beta- hydrazone	0.1 5 mg	" I.F.	0 to 9 0,1,2	0/6 0/6	0/6 0/6	1/6 0/6	0/6 0/6	0/6 0/6	1 0

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** Treatment: Doses expressed in terms of mg were given by intraperitoneal injection; in other cases the concentration in per cent of the compound fed in the diet is listed. I.P. denotes injection by peritoneal route. Negative values listed under duration of treatment indicate the number of days of treatment before inoculation of virus. Animals treated parenterally received a single injection each day; the days on which injections were made are listed.

† Virus inoculated intracerebrally.

‡ S. denotes thiosemicarbazone.